

1 The Honorable Lauren King  
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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE**

7 ABDIQAFAR WAGAFE, *et al.*,  
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9 Plaintiffs,  
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11 v.  
12 JOSEPH R. BIDEN, President of the United  
13 States, *et al.*,  
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15 Defendants.

**No. 2:17-cv-00094-LK**

**DEFENDANTS' STATUS REPORT ON  
PROGRESS FOR COMPLETING POLICY  
REVIEW OF CARRP BY MAY 10, 2022**

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20 As set forth in the parties' stipulated motion for a stay of proceedings, which the Court  
21 entered on February 22, 2022, USCIS has undertaken an agency-wide internal review of its  
22 policies and procedures for identifying and assessing national security risks presented in  
23 immigration benefit applications, including applications for lawful permanent residence and  
naturalization, known as the Controlled Application Review and Resolution Program  
(CARRP). USCIS expects to complete this review by May 10, 2022. This is consistent with the  
date of completion communicated to the Court in the parties' stipulation.

24 Assuming final approval of the new policy by USCIS leadership, USCIS expects to  
25 finalize a new policy that will supersede the CARRP policy shortly after May 10, 2022. After  
26 the new policy is finalized, USCIS will continue efforts to develop accompanying training  
27 materials, Standard Operating Procedures, and updates to electronic systems. The timeline for

1 completion involves various contingencies, but once those materials and updates are complete or  
2 substantially complete, USCIS will implement the new policy.

3       Concerning implementation of the USCIS moratorium on denials of class member  
4 applications that was a provision of the stay ordered by the Court, USCIS encountered  
5 unexpected difficulties when implementing the denial moratorium. It has identified at least 70  
6 applications that were denied when they should have been held. USCIS has made additional  
7 efforts to identify and flag cases in its systems to prevent further denials of cases subject to the  
8 moratorium and expects these measures to minimize errors going forward. Defendants have  
9 disclosed to Plaintiffs' counsel information about prematurely denied applications that it has  
10 identified and reviewed to ensure that they should have been held. Defendants are conferring  
11 with Plaintiffs' counsel regarding proposed remedies, including circumstances where reopening  
12 a denial might not be in the applicant's best interest.

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1 Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that on May 2, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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